

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 14.1-70 of the Code of Virginia, relating to number of deputies.*

3 [S 604]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 14.1-70 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 14.1-70. Number of deputies.

8 Except as provided in § ~~15.1-48~~ 15.2-1603 of the Code of Virginia, the respective number of
9 full-time deputies appointed by the sheriff of a county or city shall be fixed by the Compensation Board
10 after receiving such recommendation of the board of supervisors of the county or the council of the city,
11 as the case may be, as the board of supervisors or city council may desire to make. Such
12 recommendation, if any, shall be made to the Compensation Board on or before April 1 of each year. In
13 any county without a police force, upon the request of the board of supervisors of such county, the
14 number of such law-enforcement deputies shall be fixed at not less than one such deputy for each 2,000
15 1,500 population in such county excluding the population served by state educational institution police
16 departments if the sheriff's department does not provide the majority of the law-enforcement activities to
17 such population according to uniform crime reports compiled by the Department of State Police. The
18 Compensation Board shall also consider any agreement the sheriff may have pursuant to § ~~15.1-131.3~~
19 15.2-1726 and any obligation he may have pursuant to this section to provide law enforcement for
20 towns in fixing the number of deputies. The governing body of any county or city may employ a greater
21 number of law-enforcement deputies than fixed by the Compensation Board, provided that the county or
22 city shall pay the total compensation and all employer costs for such additional deputies.

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